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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

JCSM-322-67

8 JUN 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: MACV PRACTICE NINE Requirements Plan,
Dated 26 January 1967 (U)

1. (S) Reference is made to:

a. A memorandum by the Director, Defense Communications Planning Group, dated 23 May 1967, subject as above.

b. JCSM-97-67, dated 22 February 1967, subject as above.

c. CM-2134-67, dated 22 February 1967, subject as above.

d. Your memorandum, dated 6 March 1967, subject: "Plan for Infiltration Interdiction in the Northeast Section of Quang Tri Province (S)."

2. (S) In reference 1a, the Director, Defense Communications Planning Group, recommended that you authorize execution of the subject MACV plan for an obstacle and strong point system in northeastern Quang Tri Province. The views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have been requested in connection with your review of this recommendation.

3. (S) In reference 1b, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, less the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, stated that they did not concur in the execution of the subject plan. In reference 1c, the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, stated, among other things, that proceeding with the actions required to provide additive assets to support the plan did not rule out a subsequent decision to utilize these assets in other ways should events so require.

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4. (18) Preparatory actions to implement the MACV plan have been carried out in accordance with your decision in reference 1d, and materials are now en route to South Vietnam. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, less the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, reaffirm their position taken in reference 1b. If your decision is to execute the subject plan, they recommend that CINCPAC and COMUSMACV have maximum flexibility in the employment of the PRACTICE NINE resources. The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, recommends that COMUSMACV be authorized to utilize PRACTICE NINE resources in accordance with his needs.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

SIGNED

EARLE G. WHEELER
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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